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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction (Paper No. 5) dated January 8, 2002. Please enter the following amendment and remarks.

REMARKS

The Examiner believes that the claims, as filed, are drawn to two distinct inventions. One invention is drawn to an apparatus for atomizing a fluid and is classified in class 239. The claims representing this invention are referred to as Group I and are claims 1-25, 37-53, and 55.

The second invention is drawn to a fluidized catalytic cracking unit with a reactor that has a nozzle that is classified in class 422, subclass 139. The claims representing this alleged second invention are referred to by the Examiner as Group II and are claims 26-36 and 54.